



Docket No.: 43890-448

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Masato HIGASHI

Serial No.: 09/673,628

Group Art Unit: 2175

Filed: December 08, 2000

Examiner: Samuel Rimell

For: DISK SYSTEM AND METHOD OF UPDATING FIRMWARE

THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

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Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$84.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2003, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 12, 2003, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

The paragraph beginning on page 4, second to last line, and ending on page 5, line 3, has been amended to read as follows:

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